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## **Under 18 Nationals Final Results**

NSW Metro Women have claimed the Silver Medal at the 2008 Under 18 National Championships at Ballarat. The girls were overcome 57 – 54 by Vic Metro in an extremely tight contest. The team was paced by Ashleigh Karaitiana with 12 points for the match, with support from Kate Oliver with 11 points.

NSW Country Women were also downed in their final match in another extremely tight contest 61 -59 by SA Metro in the playoff for 5<sup>th</sup> place. The team clawed their way back from a 22 – 5 first quarter deficit to push SA right to the final whistle. Emma Mahady top scored for the team with three other players also getting into double figures.

NSW Metro Men were unlucky to miss out on a medal beaten by QLD North 81-78 in the Bronze medal playoff. The team were lead by a massive 38 points by Jason Cadee, but it was not enough to overcome the northerners, as the team struggled to convert their opportunities shooting 35% from the field.

NSW Country Men finished their campaign on a high note recording a comfortable 68-55 victory over Tasmania in the playoff for 9<sup>th</sup> position. Josh Thomas top scored with 19 points, with backup from Chris Taylor and Matt Mujic with 10 points each.

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